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- 1. IN PRESS INTERVIEW NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO ZAMBIA JONG SUNG GYU ON SEPT 17 SAID IN REPLY TO QUESTIONSABOUT SECRETARY'S CURRENT VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA: "MR FORD IS TRYING TO WIN SUPPORT IN HIS PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN BY SENDING HIS SECRETARY OF STATE TO AFRICA."
- 2. IN ADDITIONAL REMARKS, HE BLAMED POSTPONEMENT OF COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY OF 28TH FOUNDING OF DPRK ON THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION EXISTING IN KOREA AS OF SEPT 9. GYU ACCUSED THE U.S. OF TRYING TO CAUSE WAR BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA TO AVOID ITS INTERNAL POLITICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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AND ECONOMIC CRISIS. KOREAN ENVOY WARNED THAT "THE

U.S. MUST STOP THEIR RECKLESS ACTS OF WAR PROVOCATION AND WITHDRAW FORTHWITH FROM SOUTH KOREA TOGETHER WITH THEIR AGGRESSIVE ARMED FORCES AND LETHAL WEAPONS." STATING THAT KOREANS WANTED TO ACHIEVE UNIFICATION WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE, GYU NOTED, "WE ARE NOT SCARED OF THE AMERICANS. WE ARE DETERMINED TO FIGHT BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IT IS BETTER TO DIE THAN REMAIN ALIVE IN SLAVERY."

3. GOVERNMENT-OWED DAILY MAIL GAVE INTERVIEW ONLY SCANT COVERAGE. THE PARTY-OWNED TIMES OF ZAMBIA ACCOUNT OF INTERVIEW IS RELEGATED TO PAGE 5 AND CARRIES LEAD " KISSINGER MISSION IS AN ELECTION PLOY."

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